



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants, employment opportunities and other items of interest. Comments and feedback are appreciated. Contact Maria Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>. Also, if you want to be removed from this mailing list, contact Maria Castain.

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Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences

Sponsor: U.S. EPA, Region 9

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| Oct. 20-21 | ROTC Meeting | San Francisco, CA | Tina (Williams) Davis, 415-972-3784 or Williams.tina@epa.gov |
| Oct 22-24 | 16 th Annual Region 9 Tribal/EPA Conference | San Francisco, CA | Contact Lela Christensen, 775-574-1000, ext. 125; email lgleyva@plpt.nsn.us or go to http://events.ichotelsgroup.com/DPRD-7D4NJ3/SFOGG/website/_or http://www.plpt.nsn.us/conference/docs/2008CallforTopics.pdf |

Sponsor: The National Indian Justice Center

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|  Sep 17-19 | Critical Issues in Federal Indian Law | Reno, NV | http://www.nijc.org/training.html |
| Dec 3-5 | "Meth" Crisis | Las Vegas, NV | www.nijc.org or call 707-597-9019 |



Sponsor: West Coast Green

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| Sep 25-24 | West Coast Green Conference and Tribal Summit | San Jose, CA | Michelle Baker, 415-972-3206 http://www.westcoastgreen.com |
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Sponsor: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy


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| Nov 17-19 | Tribal Energy Program Review | Denver, CO | http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/ |
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Trainings and Workshops

Sponsor: U. S. EPA

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|  Sep 19 | Health and Safety Refresher Course | Denver, CO | bloom.judy@epa.gov or call 303-312-6395. |
| Sep 23-25 | Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Workshop | Maricopa, AZ | Tiffany Eastman, Eastman.tiffany@epa.gov or Audrey Johnson 415-972-3431 or johnson.audreyl@epa.gov |
|  Nov 20 | Innovative Energy Management Workshop | Sacramento, CA | More information will be available in the October Newsletter |

Sponsor: EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

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|  Sept 16-18 | Field Activity Compliance Technology (FACT) | Arlington, VA | www.netionline.com Kate Nooney, Region 9, 415-947-4266 |
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NETI is a part of the Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, US EPA. If you have questions about NETI, please contact Zena Aldridge at aldridge.zena@epa.gov or 740-773-4039. For a copy of the monthly update of all the upcoming environmental enforcement courses, go to www.netionline.com

Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators

The following Web site presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators. <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months. For more information, email betanzo.elin@epa.gov.

Sponsor: Princeton Groundwater, Inc.

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| Oct. 27-31 | Princeton Groundwater's Remediation Course | Orlando, FL | Call 813-964-0800 or email info@Princeton-groundwater.com |
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**Sponsor: The Grant Institute**

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| Sep 8-10 | Grants 1010: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop | Beverton, OR | Contact: Program Coordinators, 888-824-4424 or go to www.thegrantinstitute.com |
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**Sponsors: Region 10, EPA and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality**

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| Sep 9-11 | Asbestos NESHAP Inspection and Safety Procedures Workshop | Boise, ID | Carl.Brown@deq.idaho.gov or wright.michele@epa.gov |
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Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professions (ITEP)

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|  Sep 30-Oct 2 | Creating and Managing a tribal Transfer Station | Pala, CA | http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/training.html |
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ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program has released the 2008-2009 training catalog. The catalog includes detailed descriptions of ITEP air quality training courses, activities and services. To view the schedule, go to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or contact Lydia Scheer, at Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu, or 928-523-6887 or visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

**Sponsor: Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)**

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| Aug 4-8 | Water Laboratory Analyst, Level One | Phoenix, AZ | 602-258-4822 or www.itcaonline.com/tws |
| Aug. 12-13 | Wastewater Treatment – Level Two | Phoenix, AZ | 602-258-4822 or www.itcaonline.com/tws |
| Sep 15-19 | Water Treatment – Level Three | Phoenix, AZ | 602-258-4822 or www.itcaonline.com/tws |
| Oct 6-7 | Wastewater Treatment – Level Three | Phoenix, Z | 602-258-4822 or www.itcaonline.com/tws |
| Oct 20-23 | 2008 Pesticide Inspector Residential Training (co-sponsored with EPA, Region 9) | Fort McDowell, AZ | darlene.jenkins@itcaonline.com ; 602-307-1538 or elaine.wilson@itcaonline.com ; |

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ITCA will provide travel reimbursement for tribal operators and per diem based on Federal Government Regulations. Travel and per diem reimbursement are available for confirmed participants from tribes located in the EPA Region 9 area. For more information, go to Web site: <http://www.itcaonline.com/>



Sponsor: Nielsen Field School

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| Oct 17-30 | The Complete Ground-Water Monitoring Field Course | Las Cruces, NM | See contact information below |
| Sept 9-11 Oct 1- 3 Oct 29-31 | The Complete Ground-Water Sampling Field Course | Columbus OH San Diego, CA Las Cruces, NM | See contact information below |
| Oct 27-28 | Ground-Water Monitoring Well, Construction and Development | Las Cruces, NM | See contact information below |
| Nov 3-4 | The Complete Surface Water and Sediment Sampling Field Course | Las Cruces, NM | See contact information below |

These courses are specifically designed to meet the environmental training needs of: environmental consultants, contractors, laboratory staff, and government agency environmental staff: federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal industry environmental staff. For more information email the school at info@envirofieldschool.com, call 740-965-5026 or visit their Web site at www.envirofieldschool.com.

Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center



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| Sep 16-18 | Principles of Scientific Sampling for Environmental Professionals | Sacramento, CA | http://www.nwetc.org/stat-403_09-08_sacramento.htm |
| Sep 16-17 | The Ecology of Pacific Salmonids | Red Bluff, CA | http://www.nwetc.org/bio-303_09-08_red_bluff.htm |
| Sep 18-19 | Pacific Salmonid Spawning Habitat Restoration | Red Bluff, CA | http://www.nwetc.org/bio-304_09-08_red_bluff.htm |
| Sep 24-25 | Contaminant Vapor Migration and Intrusion | Sacramento, CA | http://www.nwetc.org/vaqm-401_09-08_sacramento.htm |
| Oct 1-3 | Introduction of ArcGIS 9 for Fisheries and Wildlife Biology Applications | Oakland, CA | http://nwetc.org/gis-400_10-08_oakland.htm |
| Oct 1-3 | Environmental Site Restoration / Mitigation | Oxnard, CA | http://www.nwetc.org/bio-402_10-08_oxnard.htm |
| Oct 2-3 | Contaminant Forensics of Petroleum, Chlorinated Hydrocarbons, and Metals | San Francisco, CA | http://nwetc.org/chem-405_10-08_san_francisco.htm |
| Oct 21-24 | Modeling Pesticides in Surface Water | Sacramento, CA | info@nwetc.org |
| Oct 22-23 | Introduction to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) | Oakland, CA | http://www.nwetc.org/capol-301_10-08_oakland.htm |

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| Oct 28-29 | Soil Science for Site Assessment and Remediation | Pasadena, CA | http://www.nwetc.org/chem-406_10-08_pasadena.htm |
| Dec 2-4 | Introduction to ArcGIS 9 and Environmental Applications of GIS | Oakland, CA | http://www.nwetc.org/gis-403_12-08_oakland.htm |

*Please note, payment is not required at the time of registration. Payment is due 60 days following course completion. Also, some of these Web sites may have to be copied and pasted on your browser.

Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at support@grants.gov.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



EPA's Global Change Research Program is seeking applications proposing research to better understand the interactions of climate change, air pollution regulatory programs, greenhouse gas mitigation policies, and efforts to adapt to a changing climate, and how these interactions affect air quality. The solicitation can be found at: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_star_adaptation.html#Synopsis. It is estimated that approximately 7 regular grants and 3 early career grants will be awarded. Approximately \$5,000,000 is available for all awards. The solicitation is being managed by the Science to Achieve Results (STAR) grants program. Applications will be accepted until October 21, 2008.



HUD Grants

Affordable green housing developers may now apply for grant funds up to \$50,000 per project to support green planning and construction. Applications must be received online by September 18. Awards are expected to be made by the first week of November. See the Grant Guidelines for more information regarding available funding and eligibility requirements: <http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/planning.asp>



Environmental Excellence Awards - K to 12

The Sea World & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund request proposals for their Environmental Excellence Awards. This program recognizes the outstanding efforts of students and teachers across the U.S. who work at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. \$80K is expected to be available and eight awards are anticipated. Responses are due November 28. For more information, go to: http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/projects_Awards.html

Indoor Environments: Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants

EPA Region 9 is soliciting proposals from eligible entities for projects to support demonstration, training and outreach and/or education projects to reduce exposure to indoor pollutants for K-12 schools and homes. Proposals may address more than one area. The total amount anticipated to be awarded under this Request for

Proposals (RFP) is approximately \$115,000. U.S. EPA Region 9 anticipates awarding approximately three to four grants and/or cooperative agreements under this RFP. Awards will range from approximately \$15,000 - \$60,000 with each project period being two years. There is no match requirement for grants and cooperative agreements issued under this RFP. States, local governments, territories, Indian Tribes, and possessions of the U.S., including the District of Columbia, international organizations, public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, other public or private non-profit institutions are eligible to apply. Projects funded under this RFP must be carried out within the jurisdiction of EPA Region 9, which consists of the states of California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Pacific Islands (U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and other unincorporated U.S. Pacific possessions). Mailed proposals must be received by EPA or electronically submitted via Grants.gov by 5pm Pacific Daylight Time no later than September 10. For additional information, please contact [Shelly Rosenblum](mailto:shelly.rosenblum@epa.gov), rosenblum.shelly@epa.gov, or 415-947-4193 or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/indoor-environments.html>

State Water Resources Control Board CALFED Watershed Program Grant Solicitation

The State Water Resources Control Board will issue a focused grant solicitation to implement a suite of priority actions identified in an established watershed management plan. It will also measure and analyze the effectiveness within the watershed to determine and illustrate the value of collaborative community-based watershed management. Emphasis will be placed on determining the effectiveness of community-based efforts by measuring improvements in natural resource conditions of the selected watershed(s). Additional information about the Watershed Program can found at <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/wp/Pages/Index.aspx>.

FY09 Pesticides Tribal Circuit Rider:

EPA Region 9's Pesticide Office is soliciting proposals from Federally-recognized tribes in Region 9 who want to work in partnership with at least one other tribe to develop and implement a pesticide program. Participant tribes should develop a proposal that designates a lead tribe and includes a plan to hire, train and manage a Tribal Pesticide Circuit Rider. The selected project can expect work to begin October 1, 2008. The project period for this award is two to three years. Funding levels may vary from \$100,000 to a maximum of \$200,000. EPA has posted the RFP on EPA's website: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/rfps.html>. For more information call Lawrence Torres at 415-947-4211 or email torres.lawrence@epa.gov.

Conferences, Workshops and Meetings

EPA has issued a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for conferences, workshops, and/or meetings. Through this BAA, EPA seeks proposals for planning, arranging, administering and/or conducting conferences, workshops, and/or meetings that focus on research to protect human health and safeguard the environment. Subject areas include, but are not limited to: Economics and sustainability; and air and global climate change. \$500K is expected to be available and up to 15 awards are anticipated. Responses are due December 9. For more information, contact Bernice Smith at smith.bernicel@epa.gov or go to: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_baa.html.

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities and individuals for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html> For more information, call Jessica Counts 415-972-3288.

Miscellaneous Grants and Funding Opportunities:

International Sustainability Prize

The Sophie Foundation seeks nominations for the Sophie Prize. This international prize is awarded to individuals or entities that successfully create awareness of alternatives to modern day development and/or initiated such alternatives in a pioneering or particularly inventive manner. \$100K is first prize. Responses are due November 11. For more information, go to: http://www.sofieprisen.no/Nomination_Guidelines/index.html

Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)

The WCB now has funding for grants specific to ERAL. Under Proposition 84 the WCB received \$5 million dollars to "Assist Farmers in Integrating Agricultural Activities with Ecosystem Restoration and Wildlife Protection". Eligible funding applicants include agricultural and conservation related non-profit groups, along with public entities involved in working with private agricultural land owners. The types of projects to be funded are restoration and enhancement projects that provide long-term, durable habitat benefits to wildlife on working agricultural lands, with a special focus on private farms. Additional information regarding how to apply for these funds, including project selection and time-lines, are available on the WCB's web page.

http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral_project.asp

California Department of Water Resources 2008 Water Use Efficiency Proposal Solicitation

This grant program will primarily fund projects that are not locally cost effective, and that provide multi-benefits such as water savings or in-stream flows and timing, water quality, and energy savings. Benefits can be local, to the Bay-Delta or to the State. Cost-sharing is required but, disadvantaged communities can request full cost of projects with no local cost-sharing. The total amount available for the 2008 Grant Funding Cycle is \$35.3 million. One unique component of the 2008 Grant Program is the availability of technical assistance provided by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Self Help Enterprise to identify projects and develop proposals for tribal and disadvantaged communities. For more information, go to: <http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/finance/index.cfm> or contact Wayne Verrill, 916 653-4863 or wverrill@water.ca.gov

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site:

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a

series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

Miscellaneous Items of Interest



Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Technical Advisory on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Climate Change

The emerging role of CEQA in addressing climate change and greenhouse gas emissions has been the subject of much discussion and debate in recent months. As part of its continuing service to professional planners, land use officials, and CEQA practitioners, OPR, in collaboration with the California Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board, is pleased to provide this new technical advisory containing informal guidance for public agencies as they address the issue of climate change in their CEQA documents. This technical advisory provides OPR's perspective on the issue and precedes the development of draft implementing regulations for CEQA, in accordance with Senate Bill 97 (Chapter 185, Statutes of 2007). View the OPR CEQA and Climate Change Technical Advisory by going to the following Web site: <http://opr.ca.gov/index.php?a=ceqa/index.html>.



Native Non-Profit to Focus on Green Collar Careers

This Web site provides a wealth of information on green technology, training resources, and projects in Indian Country. Additional resources include: nationwide listings of Native Chambers of Commerce, Urban Indian Centers, and Tribal Colleges as well as green Native businesses, green grants for tribes, green tribal news and links to other Native environmental organizations. See Native Workplace at www.NativeWorkplace.com. For more information contact Cristala Mussato-Allen, Executive Director, 512-462-9056, Native Workplace 4415 Garnett Ave. Suite #A Austin, TX 78745. info@nativeworkplace.com



Link to Tribal Training Web site

The Tribal Training Web site contains listings of EPA sponsored training courses offered to Tribes under the Clean Water Act. The Web site contains links to important resources and tools to assist Tribes with the development and implementation of water quality programs. The site also contains links to self-paced trainings for both CWA and non-CWA training programs. <http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/>

Toxics Release Inventory

A peer-reviewed analysis of the Toxics Release Inventory and the impact of the EPA's Toxics Release Inventory Burden Reduction Rule, has been published and is available online at:

<http://news.duke.edu/2008/06/TRIMiranda.html>. Supporting materials for the analysis, including an interactive web application which provides access to results by EPA Region and state can be found at:

<http://www.env.duke.edu/cehi/about/news/envjustice.htm>. For more information, contact Martha H. Keating, at 919-613-8736 or martha.keating@duke.edu

2008 Report on the Environment (EPA 2008 ROE)

EPA 2008 ROE provides the American people with an important resource to understand trends in the conditions of the air, water, land, and human health of the United States. This report uses scientifically sound measures, called indicators, to address fundamental questions relevant to the EPA's mission to protect the environment and human health. To accomplish this mission, EPA must pay close attention to trends in the condition of the Nation's environment. This information is captured in this report and can help EPA prioritize its work and focus on human health and ecological activities that can lead to improvements in the conditions of the Nation's environment. For a more interactive experience, visit the ROE Indicators at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/roe>.

Preventable Disease

Childhood lead poisoning is an entirely preventable disease. To understand, identify and safely remove sources of lead, call David Tomsovic, Region 9, at 415-972-3858 or email tomsovic.david@epa.gov or go to the following Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/lead/pubs/chancefactsheet.pdf>

New EPA Regulation to Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning

EPA issued a new regulation for the Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting Program. It applies to paid contractors renovating or repairing pre-1978 housing, schools, daycare centers and other child-occupied facilities. It requires paid contractors to use lead-safe work practices to reduce lead hazards and the risk of childhood lead poisoning. Letters from Regional Administrator Wayne Nastri were sent to all Region IX tribal executive officers and environmental directors informing them of the new rule. The new rule is a big step to reach the national strategic goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning by 2010 by preventing exposure to lead hazards. Contact: EPA Region IX Toxics Office, David Tomsovic, 415-972-3858 or tomsovic.david@epa.gov. or go to EPA's press release on the rule: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/bd4379a92ceceac8525735900400c27/5fc0577fb1a6df5a8525741d006366a2!OpenDocument>

Digital Television Transition and Potential Impacts to Tribal Governments

After February 17, 2009, all full-power television stations will broadcast only in digital, as required by the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005. Subscribers to TV services (e.g., cable or satellite) or televisions with a digital tuner will not be affected by the transition. EPA is encouraging consumers that receive over the air broadcasts, either through "rabbit ears" on their sets or a roof antenna, on analog TV sets to extend the life of their TV by purchasing a digital converter box. Many entities, including tribal governments, may experience higher rates of disposal and/or dumping of old televisions and related e-waste during this time. Tribal governments can address this transition by providing e-waste recycling programs and by providing outreach to their communities to encourage reuse through the purchase of a digital converter box. For consumers that choose to buy a new digital TV, EPA recommends energy efficient sets with the ENERGY STAR label. For information on where to recycle unwanted TVs, where to find energy efficient TVs, and additional resources such as the TV Converter Box Coupon Program, visit our Web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/recycle/ecycling/tv-convert.htm>. To talk with a member of the Tribal Solid Waste Team to discuss e-waste collection program development and outreach options, go to <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/index.html#contact> to identify your liaison.

Scholarships for Minority Students Going Unclaimed

A large amount of scholarship money that has been set aside by companies for deserving minority students are either collecting dust or being returned to businesses because of a lack of interest. For more information, please go to: http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/docs/minority_scholarships.pdf or http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/career_funding.asp so that money will not go to waste.

Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities

A new EPA Web site features dozens of projects that local communities can do to help make the air cleaner and healthier to breathe. The "Improving Air Quality in Your Community" Web site features activities for reducing both indoor and outdoor pollution, including diesel engine retrofit programs, improving air quality in local schools, and pollution prevention options for small businesses. These projects have a successful track record--they were previously put into action by state and local governments across the country. This site includes information about the costs to establish and maintain each project, and how local communities can apply for EPA grants to kick-start their activities. Contact: Cathy Milbourn, 202-564-4355 / milbourn.cathy@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/air/community/>

Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine labs

EPA is the Chair for the National Response Center (NRC)--“the sole national point of contact for reporting oil, chemical, radiological, biological, etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories.” To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675. NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. For more information go to <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html>

Drinking Water Training Opportunities for Tribes and Tribal Operators

A new website is available that provides a consolidated list of drinking water training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators during the upcoming months. This list organizes courses from many training providers by region, and it also includes a list of trainings that are available online. This list will be updated quarterly, so if you would like to highlight an upcoming training course on this list please send an email to betanzo.elin@epa.gov. The website can be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal.html>

Office of Special Trustee (OST) for American Indians

The Department of Interior, OST for American Indians manages more than \$67 million in Indian Trust accounts for more than 63,000 account holders whose whereabouts are currently unknown due to outdated or incomplete contact information. OST is searching for these people to distribute their funds to them. To find out if you or someone you know is on this OST list, visit their Web site at www.doi.gov/ost and click on “Locating IIM Account Holders”. The Trust Beneficiary Call Center toll free number is 1-888-678-6836 or

Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

EPA’s web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center’s information is found in the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations* which can be ordered by calling 1-800-490-9198. All of EPA’s compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, binder.jonathan@epa.gov, or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, tunis.catherine@epa.gov or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers

EPA has just issued a new publication as part of its effort to support innovative, market-based approaches to water quality trading. The *Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers: Interim Technical Guide* provides National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authorities with the tools they need to incorporate trading provisions into permits. The Toolkit also serves as EPA’s first “how-to” manual on designing and implementing trading programs consistent with EPA’s 2003 *National Water Quality Trading Policy* and will be valuable to all stakeholders. The Toolkit is a web-based document available at: <http://www.epa.gov/waterqualitytrading/WQTToolkit.html>

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA’s Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance

Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html> .

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

America's Children and the Environment Web Site

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at langlois.glen@epa.gov .

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, CA, Carson City, NV and Phoenix, AZ who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident.

Department of Agricultural (USDA)

USDA's Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program

The Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program, funded by the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Service, assists tribal communities in promoting economic growth and development by improving transportation services. The program provides planning assistance for facilities development, transit service improvements and expansion, new system start-up, policy and procedure development, marketing, transportation coordination, training and public transit problem solving activities. Deadlines are on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <http://web1.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/anmviewer.asp?a=259>

EPA Activities for Tribal outreach, review and comment



EPA's National Fish Advisory Program released a Fish Kids website – a fun Web site that uses interactive stories and games to teach kids, ages 8-12, about contaminants in fish and fish advisories. To access this site go to <http://www.epa.gov/fishadvisories/kids> . The site has been very well received within the agency, and was chosen as the August Site of the Month on www.kids.gov

Federal Interagency Effort to Increase Tribal Access to Safe Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

In June 2007, EPA, IHS, USDA, HUD, and DOI signed two MOUs designed in part to assist tribes in improving quality of life through the delivery of quality infrastructure services in support of tribal housing and tribal communities, and to encourage parties to coordinate execution of existing drinking water and sanitation improvement programs in Indian country with a full understanding of each party's programs. The interagency Task Force established the Access Subgroup to develop an implementation plan that strives to reduce by 50 percent the number of homes lacking access to safe drinking water and safe waste water disposal by 2015. The implementation plan is under development, and subgroup representatives would be pleased to discuss with tribes, the scope and status of the recommended actions. For more information, contact: Elin Betanzo 202-564-1807 or betanzo.elin@epa.gov

OAR Development of a Proposed Mandatory Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule

Under the FY2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress directed EPA to publish a mandatory greenhouse gas reporting rule, using the Agency's existing authority under the Clean Air Act. The rule will require mandatory reporting of greenhouse gases "above appropriate thresholds in all sectors of the economy." EPA is responsible for determining those thresholds, as well as the frequency of reporting. Congress requested EPA to include reporting of emissions "resulting from upstream productions and downstream sources," to the extent that the Agency deems appropriate. Tribes that own or operate large upstream or downstream facilities within their reservation boundaries may be impacted by this rule. EPA intends to propose a rule by September 2008 and a final rule by June 2009. For more information contact Katherine Sibold, 202-343-280 or sibold.katherine@epa.gov

Employment Opportunities



Environmental Database Specialist, Pyramid Lake Environmental Department, Nixon, NV

Performs highly technical and administrative duties in the planning, development and management of databases and Web site of the Environmental program. Takes the lead role in data management, data quality assurance/quality control, data entry, and statistical analysis to be used for overall watershed planning and environmental documents. Requires experience and understanding in many programming languages, including but not limited to SQL, HTML, and XML. This is a full time position with a salary range of \$32,905.60 - 34,569.60 per annum DOE (This position closes at 4:30PM, September 8, 2008. For more information contact PLPT Human Resources office at 775 574-1000 or the website: <http://www.plpt.nsn.us/hr/index.html>



Environmental Manager, Pyramid Lake Environmental Department, Nixon, Nevada

Performs specific objectives and work plan activities under established environmental grants. Performs highly responsible management duties in the planning and administration of environmental protection programs and activities. Studies environmental needs to establish and develop regulations that safeguard the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe natural resources and the environment. This is a full time position with a salary range of \$38,084.80 - 40,019.20 per annum DOE This position closes at 4:30PM, September 8, 2008. For more information contact PLPT Human Resources office at 775 574-1000 or the website: <http://www.plpt.nsn.us/hr/index.html>



Office of Water, American Indian Environmental Office, Program Analyst, Washington, D.C.

The vacancy announcement for this position may be found on the following Web site: www.usajobs.gov. The deadline to submit an application is September 11. USAJOBS is OPM's on-line application system. For more information, contact Edna Geter, 202- 564-0296 or email geter.edna@epa.gov

Environmental Specialists, Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians

Under the direction of the Environmental Director, this position is responsible for the administration, implementation and development of the tribe's water program and quality assurance project plan, QAPP. This is a full-time grant-funded position. The specialist will strive to create a self sustaining program through project grants and other funding sources to be determined. An Associates Degree is required, Bachelor's degree preferred in Hydrology, Water Resources Management, Geology, Chemistry, Environmental Studies/Sciences, or related scientific field. For much more information, contact Samuel Elizondo, Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians, 46575 Road 417, Coarsegold, Ca 93614 Ph: 559-692-8713, Fax: 559-683-0599 samuel.elizondo@chukchansi.net

Water Quality Program Coordinator, Yerington Paiute Tribe

This person will be responsible for implementation of work plan activities and compliance with federal grant requirements, under a one year Tribal Water Quality contract. This is a 40-hour per week position plus benefits and salary is \$12.89 an hour. For more information, contact Katie Emm, at 775-463-3301 or 775-8983-3895, or e-mail admin@ypt-nsn.gov

Pesticide Control Specialist - Ak-Chin Indian Community, Maricopa, AZ

Under general supervision of the Environmental Protection Director and direct supervision of the Environmental Programs Manager, the Pesticide Control Specialist will be responsible for monitoring all aspects of pesticide usage on the Ak-Chin Indian Community to protect residents, pesticide handlers, pesticide applicators, agricultural workers and the environment. The Pesticide Control Specialist will also assist with program development and implementation of the Pesticide Control Program. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information, log on to www.ak-chin.nsn.us or call Salinda Lopez, 520-568-1054

Two Senior Environmental Specialist and Two Environmental Engineer positions

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency is aggressively seeking qualified applications for two Senior Environmental Specialist positions, and two Environmental Engineer positions. AQP is a pollution monitoring and regulatory authority with Treatment as State (TAS) status, and is the first Indian Tribe to attain delegated authority to administer the Clean Air Act (CAA), Part 71 Operating Permit Program (Title V – Permits). These positions will be opened until filled. To complete an application, go to www.nddpm.navajo.org or mail completed application to the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management, P. O. Box 7080, Window Rock, AZ 86515. For more information, contact Charlene Nelson at 928-729-4247 or by email at charlenenelson@navajo.org

Environmental Program Specialist (EPS), Yurok Tribe

This position is entirely grant funded and grant writing is an important and necessary function. The EPS will be assigned to the following environmental areas: water quality and hydrology monitoring, assessment and reporting, environmental education, data management, and/or administration. This is a full time permanent position with the benefits: For job description and more information log onto www.yuroktribe.org or call 707-482-1350 ext. 376

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian/>
<http://www.doi.gov/bia>
<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>
<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal> .
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>
<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>
<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>